ongoing academic programme and it has been asked to give its recommendations by 15th December 2000 for consideration of the Governing Council.

(f) Does not arise.

Loss to Doordarsnan in Bidding of 1998 ICC Knockout Tournament

1500. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan lost Rs. 21 crore while bidding for telecast rights of the 1998 ICC knockout Tournament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain DD officials and officials of private T.V. Channels were involved is causing loss to DD;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the officials; and

(e) what concrete steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) The Central Bureau of Investigation is investigating the matter. Disclosure of details will hamper the investigations. Further action will depend upon findings of the investigation.

Complaint Regarding Telecasting of Film

1501. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that without permission of producer, the film "Hum Aap ke Dil Me Rahte Hain" has been telecasted by Doordarshan in the second week of October, 2000;

(b) if so, the action taken on the complaint lodged by the producer in this connection; and

(c) the action proposed to pay adequate compensation to the producer?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir. Doordarshan telecasted the said film only after ascertaining the position of telecast rights by the offerer.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Telecasting of Films on DD-I National Network

1502. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan and Prasar Bharati Board have decided to show only Hindi films with mass appeal on its DD-I national network;

(b) if so, the reasons for dropping the telecast of National award-winning films on DD-I; and

(c) the reaction of Goverment to protests sent by Directors like Mrinal Sen, Shyam Benegal etc., in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) As per the decision taken by Prasar Bharati Board, the telecast of regional feature films was stopped on National Network of Doordarshan from 15.10.2000, in order to accommodate entertaining sponsored programmes for increasing Doordarshan's revenue as well as to retain wider viwership.

Keeping in view a number of representations received from various quarters, Prasar Bharati Board has now reviewed the earlier decision and has decided that Doordarshan would acquire multiple telecast rights (terrestrial and satellite world-wide) of award winning regional feature films for three years for telecasting on various channels of Doordarshan including National Channel. The royalty rates have also been increased.